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WATERFALL. *n. f.* [water and fall.] Cataract; cascade. I have seen in the Indies far greater waterfalls than those of Nilus.

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WATERY. *adj.* [from water.]

- Thin; liquid; like water.
- Quicksilver, which is a most crude and watery body, heated, and pent in, hath the like force with gunpowder.
- The bile, by its saponaceous quality, mixeth the oily and watery parts of the aliment together.
- Tattles; insipid; rapid; spiritless.
- We'll use this unwholesome humidity, this gross, watery pumpion.
- No heterogeneous mixture use, as some With watry turneps have debas'd their wines.
- Wet; abounding with water.
- When the big lip, and wat'ry eye Tell me, the rising storm is nigh: 'Tis then thou art yon angry main, Deform'd by winds, and dash'd by rain.
- Relating to the water.
- On the brims her fire, the wat'ry god, Roll'd from a silver urn his crystal flood.
- Consisting of water.
- The wat'ry kingdom is no bar To stop the foreign spirits; but they come, As o'er a brook, to see fair Portia.
- Those few escap'd Famine, and anguish, will at last consume, Wand'ring that wat'ry desert.
- Between us and you wide oceans flow, And wat'ry deserts.
- Together to the wat'ry camp they haste.
- Perhaps you'll say, That the attract'd wat'ry vapours rise From lakes and seas, and fill the lower skies.
- WAT'RY**. *n. f.* [from *waghen*, to shake, German. *Skinner*.] The barbs, or loose red flesh that hangs below the cock's bill.
- The loach is of the shape of an eel, and has a beard of *wat'ry* like a barbel.
- The barbel is so called, by reason of his barb, or *wat'ry*, at his mouth, which is under his nose or chops.
- His comb and *wat'ry* are an ornament becoming his martial spirit.
- A hurdle.
- WAT'RY**. *v. a.* [parcelas, Saxon; *twigs*.] To bind with twigs; to form, by plating twigs one within another.
- Might we but hear The folded flocks penn'd in their *wat'ry* cotes, Or found of pastoral reed with oaten stops.
- A plough was found in a very deep bog, and a hedge *wat'ry* standing.
- WAVE**. *n. f.* [pæge, Saxon; *waggh*, Dutch; *wagus*, French.]
- Water raised above the level of the surface; billow; water driven into inequalities.
- The shore, that o'er his *wave*-worn basis bow'd.
- The *waves* that rise would drown the highest hill; But at thy check they flee, and when they hear Thy thund'ring voice, they post to do thy will.
- Amidst these toils succeeds the balmy night; Now hissing waters the quench'd guns restore; And weary *waves* withdrawing from the fight, Are lull'd, and pant upon the silent shore.
- The *wave* behind impels the *wave* before.
- Luxuriant on the *wave*-worn bank he lay Stretch'd forth, and panting in the sunny ray.
- Stretch'd forth, and panting in the sunny ray.
- Unevenness; inequality.
- Thus it happens, if the glass of the prism be free from veins, and their sides be accurately plane, and well polished, without those numberless *waves*, or curls, which usually arise from sand-holes a little smoothened in polishing with putty.
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- To play loosely; to float.
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Watersapphire is the occidental sapphire, and is neither of so bright a blue, nor so hard as the oriental.

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To be moved as a signal.

A bloody arm it is, that holds a pine Lighted, above the capitol, and now It waves unto us.

B. Johnson's Catiline.

To be in an unsettled state; to fluctuate.

They *wave* in and out, no way sufficiently grounded, no way resolved, what to think, speak, or write, more than only that because they have taken it upon them, they must be opposite.

Hosier, b. v.

If he did not care whether he had their love or no, he *wav'd* indifferently 'twixt doing them neither good nor harm.

Shakespeare Coriolanus.

TO WAVE. *v. a.* [from the noun.]

- To raise into inequalities of surface.
- He had a thousand noses, Horns welk'd and *wav'd* like the enridged sea.
- To move loosely.
- They *wav'd* their fiery swords, and in the air Made horrid circles.
- Aeneas wav'd* his fatal sword.
- High o'er his head.
- He beckoned to me, and, by the *waving* of his hand, directed me to approach the place where he sat.
- To wait; to remove any thing floating.
- Some men never conceive how the motion of the earth below should *wave* one from a knock perpendicularly directed from a body in the air above.
- To beckon; to direct by a waft or motion of any thing.
- Look with what courteous action It *waves* you to a more removed ground: But do not go with it.
- Shakespeare.*
- Gustave, Fr. Skinner.* To put off.
- He resolved not to *wave* his way upon this reason, that if he should but once, by such a diversion, make his enemy believe he was afraid of danger, he should never live without.
- These, *waving* plots, found out a better way; Some good descended, and preserv'd the play.
- To put aside for the present.
- I have *wav'd* the subject of your greatness, to resign myself to the contemplation of what is more peculiarly yours.
- Since her interest for the nation's *wav'd*, Then I who fav'd the king, the nation fav'd.
- TO WAVE**. *v. n.* [pajan, Saxon.]
- To play to and fro; to move loosely.
- I took two triangular glasses, and one of them being kept fixt in the same posture, that the Iris it projected on the floor might not *wave*, I cast on the same floor another Iris, with another prism, moving it to and fro.
- The whitening shower descends, At first then *wavering*.
- To be unsettled; to be uncertain, or inconstant; to fluctuate; not to be determined.
- In which amazement, when the miscreant Perceived him to *waver*, weak and frail, Whilst trembling horror did his conscience daunt, And hellish anguish did his soul assail.
- Remember where we are;
- In France, among a fickle, *wavering* nation, Thou almost mak'st me *waver* in my faith, To hold opinion with Pythagoras, 'Tis fables of animals infuse themselves Into the trunks of men.
- Hold fast the faith without *wavering*.
- The *wav'ring* faith of people vain and light.
- Faith as absolutely determines our minds, and as perfectly excludes all *wavering*, as our knowledge itself; and we may as well doubt of our own being, as we can, whether any revelation from God be true.
- What if Hospinian should have said, that Luther *wav'd* in the point of the sacrament? does it follow that he really did so?
- They, who at this distance from the first rise of the gospel, after weighing the several evidences of it, *waver* in their faith, would have *wav'd*, though they had seen the first promulgers work wonders.
- WAV'ER**. *n. f.* [from *waver*.] One unsettled and irresolute.
- Come, young *waverer*, come, and go with me; In one respect I'll thy assistant be.
- WAV'Y**. *adj.* [from *wave*.]
- Rising in waves.
- For thee the ocean smiles, and smooths her *wavy* breast; And heav'n itself with more serene and purer light is blest.
- Playing to and fro, as in undulations.
- Where full-ear'd sheaves of rye Grow *wavy* on the tilth, that soil select For apples.
- Let her glad valleys smile with *wavy* corn; Let fecund flocks her rising hills adorn.
- WAVES**, or *WAVES*. *n. f.* A word used by *Spenser*, according to the Saxon pronunciation.

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1. For waves.

Another did the dying brands repair With iron tongs, and sprinkled off the fame With liquid *ways*.

2. In the following passage it seems to be for woe [pa, Saxon.] Whilst they fly that gulf's devouring jaws, They on this rock are rent, and sink in helpless *waves*.

Spenser.

TO WAWL. *v. n.* [pa, grief, Saxon.] To cry; to howl.

The first time that we smell the air, We *wawle* and cry.

Shakespeare's K. Lear.

WAX. *n. f.* [pæxe, Saxon; *wex*, Danish; *wacks*, Dutch.]

- The thick tenacious matter gathered by the bee, and formed into cells for the reception of the honey.
- Wax* consists of an acid spirit, of a nauseous taste, and an oil or butter, which is emollient, laxative, and anodyne.
- They give us food which may with nectar vie, And *wax*, that does the absent sun supply.
- All the magistrates, every new or full moon, give honour to Confucius with bowings, *wax* candles, and incense.
- While visits shall be paid on solemn days, When num'rous *wax* lights in bright order blaze; So long my honour, name, and praise shall live.
- Any tenacious mass, such as is used to fasten letters.
- We soften the *wax*, before we set on the seal.
- A kind of concretion in the flesh.
- A fontanel in her neck was much inflamed, and many *wax*-kernels about it.
- TO WAX**. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To smear; to join with wax.
- He form'd the reeds, proportion'd as they are; Unequal in their length, and *wax'd* with care, They still retain the name of his ungrateful fair.
- TO WAX**. *v. n.* pret. *waxed*, part. pass. *waxed*, *waxen*. [pæxan, Saxon; *wachsen*, German.]
- To grow; to increase; to become bigger, or more.
- Used of the moon, in opposition to *wane*, and figuratively of things which grow by turns bigger and less.
- The husbandman in sowing and setting, upon good reason, observes the *waxing* and waning of the moon.
- Land and trade are twins, they *wax* and *wane* together.
- To pass into any state; to become; to grow. It is in either sense now almost diffused.
- Where things have been instituted, which being convenient and good at the first, do afterward in process of time *wax* otherwise, we make no doubt but they may be altered, yea, though councils or customs general have received them.
- Careless the man soon *wax*, and his wit weak Was overcome of things that did him please, *Fairy Queen.*
- Art thou like the adder *waxen* deaf? *Shakespeare.*
- We will destroy this place; because the cry of them is *waxen* great before the Lord.
- Flowers removed *wax* greater, because the nourishment is more easily come by in the loose earth.
- This answer given, Argantes wild drew near, Trembling for ire, and *waxing* pale for rage; Nor could he hold.
- If I *wax* but cold in my desire, Think heav'n hath motion lost, and the world fire.
- Their manners *wax* more and more corrupt, in proportion as their blessings abound.
- WAXEN**. *n. f.* [from *wax*.] Made of wax.
- Swarming next appear'd The female bee, that feeds her husband drone Deliciously, and builds her *waxen* cells With honey stor'd.
- I can yet shoot beams, whose heat can melt The *waxen* wings of this ambitious boy.
- So weary bees in little cells repose; But if night-robbers lift the well-stor'd hive, An humming through their *waxen* city grows, And out upon each other's wings they drive.
- Others with sweets the *waxen* cells distend.
- WAY**. *n. f.* [pæz, Saxon; *weigh*, Dutch.]
- The road in which one travels.
- I am amaz'd, and lose my *way*, Among the thorns and dangers of this world.
- You cannot see your *way*.
- I have no *way*, and therefore want no eyes; I humbled when I saw.
- To God's eternal house direct the *way*, A broad and ample road.
- Flutt'ring the god, and weeping said, Pity poor Cupid, generous maid! Who happen'd, being blind, to stray, And on thy bosom lost his *way*.
- Broad road made for passengers.
- Know'st thou the *way* to Dover?
- Both stile and gate, horse-*way*, and foot-path.
- A length of journey.
- An old man that had travelled a great *way* under a huge burden, found himself so weary, that he called upon death to deliver him.